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# SCHOOL BOND ELECTION OCT. 14

### \$15 Million in Bonds

## 'Big' Planning Seen Necessary

A \$15 million bond issue election was set for Oct. 14 by the Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday evening. Funds would be used for a new high school, four new elementary schools and improvements of Fern school building to make it quakeproof. The bonds, if voted, would not mean a tax increase, according to Asst. Sup. S. E. Waldrip.

At the same time the Board acted to approve its publication budget for 1958-59 at \$9.2 million, a higher than estimated figure due to increased assessed valuations raising the school district to \$157 million.

Certain indications that the special October bond election to provide needed classroom facilities in the Torrance Unified School District will ask approval for \$15,000,000 was given Monday noon at the July meeting of TEAC by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent.

"We have perhaps not planned big enough in the past," he said, "and now we must plan big to keep up with the growth and without double sessions."

Dr. Hull warned the advisory committee members that increasing inflationary trends and lack of capital that would make it possible for the board of education to undertake multiple construction building such as was done in Long Beach, poses a serious cost problem.

"If we could have had two schools at once," he declared, "we might have been able to save the district nearly a million dollars in the past several years."

Elaborating on the district's building plans and problems, Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip pointed out that only through what he termed "hungry bidding" could the board hope to stay within conservative estimates for the 201 classrooms needed during the next five years. He said elementary schools were costing \$12 per square foot and high schools \$16 because of complicated equipment needed for shops and laboratories.

There are now 26 rooms under construction through the state loan program approved in 1955. He said the state funds were now beginning to pay off. He reminded the committee that in order to qualify for the fund there must be unoccupied pupils and the qualifying district must be at its bonding capacity.

Both school officials made frequent reference to a table showing the tremendous growth of the city since 1947. Population then was 14,828. Today's estimate places it at

## City Acts To Limit Sales Lit

City officials have taken the first step in a crackdown on the distribution of handbills, circulars and other throw-away advertising.

Councilmen gave first reading Tuesday night to an ordinance setting forth tighter controls on distribution of sales literature.

At the same time, the group voted to lower the license fee for distributing such material from \$50 to \$25 and voted to maintain the policy of charging local merchants no license fee.

The new ordinance amends the present code sections to provide that only one copy of any advertising material may be distributed to any one house, apartment or person; no handbills can be placed on or within automobiles and defines the word "handbill."

Councilmen complained of seeing "news-advertisers" distributed throughout the city.

The "news-advertisers" were described by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier as papers with few stories and the rest advertising. Local papers were not considered in this class, he said.

In lowering the fee for licenses, the council heard one distributing firm declare Torrance fees that far had cost them \$500. This figure, according to a comparison chart submitted, is far in excess of fees charged by other cities.

Weed Abatement  
In other action, the council voted to proceed with a city-wide weed abatement program. Carboned Corporation, Inc. was engaged to carry out the program. Notices of intention to rid certain parcels of pre-

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Coming down with a bad case of summer fever, the Torrance Herald's questioning reporter toured the playground area to get a few opinions on what local youngsters were doing during their vacation.

They were asked: "What do you like best about vacation time?"

Joe VanKralingen, 10, of 1512 W. 218th St.: "Well, during the summer, you get to play and you don't have to go to school. Sometimes I go to the beach and play in the water. There's just more fun during the summer."

Mike Hughes, 12, of 2366 Gramercy Ave.: "I get to play baseball and I don't have to go to school. You can go swimming when you want to and play the kind of sports you want. Besides that, there aren't any teachers around."

Ivy Goldsmith, 11, of 2100 Marina Ave.: "In the summer, you get to go places, like to visit my cousins in North Dakota. You can take bikes and ride bicycles and go to the park. I like best to play baseball. You can play all the time you want to and meet lots of new friends."

Linda Wall, 9, of 2663 Arlington Ave.: "During the summer, you can go to Disneyland. Also you get to go to the mountains. Vacations are better than school. Now we go to the park and we can go swimming."

Janey Ippa, 11, of 2643 1/2 Arlington Ave.: "It's the time to go to Disneyland. Also it's time for swimming and trips to the mountains. I like summer best because it's a little hot, but I don't mind it."

Sheila Ippa, 11, of 2643 1/2 Arlington Ave.: "The things I like best about summer vacation are swimming and ballroom dancing. I like it best because it's hot and you get to go to school. You can have fun and you get to play."

## A "Most Wanted" Seven Charges Against Gagnon

Two Torrance policemen are credited with arresting one of Los Angeles' most wanted criminals—Robert F. Gagnon, who will face seven charges including two counts of kidnaping when he appears in a Los Angeles court July 25. Gagnon, arrested here Saturday, is charged with two counts of rape, grand theft auto, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and the kidnaping of two Lawndale residents July 5. He is being held in county jail without bail.

According to sheriff's deputies, Gagnon virtually was eliminated as the suspected slayer of two El Segundo policemen a year ago.

The unemployed Long Beach aircraft worker was identified Sunday as the man who kidnaped Charles H. Fry and Theresa Rochon, both of Lawndale.

The couple said Gagnon kidnaped them at gunpoint outside a Lawndale restaurant and drove them to Crystal Lake where he reportedly raped Mrs. Rochon and beat May into unconsciousness with the butt of a pistol.

Fleeing in May's car, he escaped. The car was later found abandoned in Los Angeles.

**Bragged of Killing**  
The couple told detectives that the man who abducted them bragged that he had killed the El Segundo officers. Gagnon, at the time of the killing, was employed by an aircraft plant near where the officers were gunned down.

## Rabbi Kraus Has Freedom And New Gardena Pulpit

Rabbi Henry E. Kraus assumed his first American pulpit this week—and for the first time in many years was free to speak as he chose. Behind him were years of Fascist and Communist oppression. Before him were members of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center, eager to hear his sermons . . . and freedom to preach as he chooses.

The former Chief Rabbi of Western Hungary, he served as spiritual leader of a large congregation until 1944 when he was seized by Nazi SS troops and deported to the death camp at Auschwitz.

## Plan Area's Largest Parade

Promising "the largest ever" parade in the history of the southwestern part of Los Angeles county, officials for the Rancho Days parade Saturday, July 26 are preparing for 75,000 spectators. In the line of march will be 15 bands and drill teams, 27 majorette corps, hundreds of hornettes, military drill teams and floats. Grand Marshal will be Lt. Gov. Harold "Buteh" Powers, a former houseman in his own right and one of the most popular parade figures in California.

T. C. Cook, parade coordinator, said yesterday that the 24 Marine Regiment from Camp Pendleton, the 101st Airborne Division Band and the Fort MacArthur Band will be joined by three famous drill teams from Norton Air Force Base. The 12 of the State's top youth bands will participate as well as some of the most famous "house bands" in the West.

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\$10,000 TO HOSPITAL . . . Miss Judy Schneider (second from left) presents check for \$10,000 to Little Company of Mary Hospital on behalf of the North American Employees' Donate Once Club. Receiving the gift is Mother M. Lucy. Others are Mother M. Virginia and Fred W. Mill, finance chairman for the hospital campaign. (Herald Photo)

## Labor Scene Peaceful as Dio Is Loser

The Torrance labor scene appeared peaceful this week after an abortive attempt by agents of Johnny Dio to set up a "paper" union among employees of the Pacific Smelting Co., 22219 S. Western Ave.

A strike of carpenters at the Fleming Trailer Co. plant in the shooting strip of Los Angeles on 190th St. entered its third week with men and women maintaining a picket line.

Dio, target of a CIO-led committee investigation, apparently chose the local plant as the scene of his primary attempt to organize a new union to be called the National Federation of Craft and Industrial Workers. According to the NLRB he had been ousted from his former office in the AFL-CIO Allied Industrial Workers.

Pacific Smelting employees voted 65-19 not to accept the union.

## Police Officer Little Late in Honoring July 4

Torrance Police Lt. Ted Morris had a delayed Fourth of July celebration all by himself this week.

Morris didn't bother with firecrackers or sparklers . . . he used five artillery shells, dynamite caps and railroad torpedoes.

But it was all strictly business.

The police officer was detonating confiscated explosives that the department had collected during the past year.

Morris said the job took two hours, as the explosives had to be detonated piece by piece.

## C. J. RYAN NAMED AS CHAPLAIN

C. J. Paddy Ryan, associated with After Realty Service, has been re-appointed chaplain of the Fourth Area, American Legion, Department of California.

The area comprises nearly 150 Legion posts with a membership of approximately 30,000. This is Ryan's second year as chaplain for the area.

## Youth Hurt

A 16-year-old insurance youth was injured Tuesday in an accident when his car hit a parked vehicle in front of 18027 Fremont Ave.

Treated by a family doctor for a bump on the head was Gerald E. Thomas, 18027 Fremont Ave. The patient was referred to John J. Murray, M.D., 18027 Fremont Ave. Laceration, bruise and

## N.A.A. Club Gives \$10,000 To Hospital

Construction work on the new Little Company of Mary hospital moved forward this week pausing only momentarily for ceremonies attending the presentation of a \$10,000 check, the gift of North American Aviation employees.

"This gratifying contribution will help reduce the shortage of funds needed for the additional fourth story on the west wing to conform with the first wing," hospital authorities stated.

An impression of the eventual size of the structure is given from Torrance Blvd. where the monumental five-story wing is beginning to take shape. The wing, located on a knoll, will overlook the entire surrounding area.

Plumbing, air conditioning, electrical and pneumatic tube installations are in progress in basement and ground story areas. The service building is completely enclosed, glass installed and plastering finished. The service building, set away from the main structure, contains boiler rooms, laundry department and storage rooms.



NOTHING BUT HIM NO MORE . . . Don Carlson and E. Monk of the South Bay Hospital facility hold a handful of bonds brought in the hospital this week. The boy, all eight of them, are up for adoption. (Herald Photo)